Letters Is Going to Charlottesville---Milan Writes to Griffith---"Ringer" Defeats Cortez

REAL TRYOUT

Former Mt. St. Mary's Outfielder Will Accompany Regulars to Charlottesville, Says Manager Griffith.

Old Fox Denies That Merito Acosta, Midget Gardener Will Hop to Feds Through Failure to Land Job.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER. Joe Letters, the former Mt. St. Mary's College outfielder, is to be given a trial at Charlottesville by Manager Griffith. He will accompany the regulars on March 7 to the training camp.

"I have forgotten to add Letters' name to the list," explained the Old Fox today, "but he's going down for a trial, anyway. I watched him a bit out at the ball park last fall when Dutch Schaefer brought him back from Atlantic City and his movements were favorable. I don't know how he hits or very much about him in any way at all, but there's something about him that makes him look worth a trial. Sometimes they fool you, you know, and I'm taking no chances. Yes, he'll go to Charlottesville with the regulars." Letters failed to make good in the New York State League, probably through inexperience. He caught on with the Atlantic City semi-pro team and was playing with that team when Herman Schaefer, convalescent from a slight illness, was visiting the beach resort. Schaefer liked his looks and forwarded him to Washington.

The young outfielder has one drawback-a wealthy father. This may interfere with the youngster's ambition, poor boys who have to fight for their

Raymond Carville "Cutie" Morgan Raymond Carville "Cutie" Morgan has obtained a respite of a few days. Instead of beginning his weight reduction stunts tomorrow at Chariottesville, the pudgy second baseman will not go to the training camp until next Sunday with the battery candidates. Morgan is pleased at this good luck and insists that he will enter the campaign in perfect condition to show at his best. However, the Old Fox says that seeing is believing, and so Ray will have a week's additional work before the rest of the squad joins the Charlotteswille colony.

Unless he changes his mind, Walter Johnson will arrive in Washington before this week is out. He had planned to get here before March 1, and, so far as known, has not shifted the scheme.

According to dope from Cuba, Merito Acosta may hop to the Feds. The little fellow is said to have been advised little fellow is said to have been advised by Manager Griffith to spend a year with a minor league team, thus getting in daily practice and fitting himself for the big show. Armando Marsans is believed to have talked the midget into considering a Federal League offer.

"That's all bunk, plain bunk," replied Manager Griffith today, when told of the Cuban report. "Acosta has never been told by me that a year in the minors would help him. I want him for my own ball club, and that's where he is going to remain. That tale from Cuba is merely a dream. There's nothing to it in the slightest."

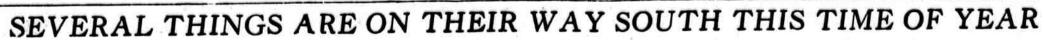
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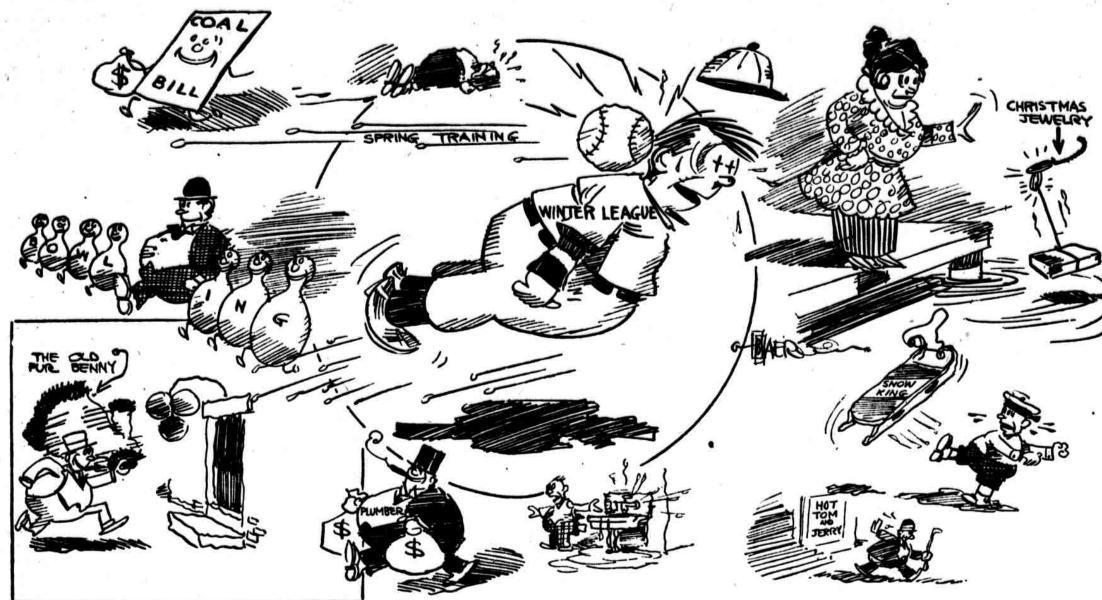
The Athletics will have thirty-three clavers training at Jacksonville. Fla., this spring. Thirteen are rookies, seven of whom are pitchers. Evidently Connic Mack means to find successors to Bender, Plank, and Coombs.

Until comething really happens in the Frank Baker case. Connie Mack will continue to be kent mighty busy denying rumors. He is now out with a statement that, at least for two more seasons, Baker w'll play with the Mackmen or not at all. Baker's contract has that long to run before dying, and Connie says he won't sell or trade him for anything in the world.

Ray Caldwell has shown up at Hot Springs, Ark. Now let the European war go on.

Though not allowed to begin training until March 1, fourteen rookies have begun work at Marlin Springs, Tex. Because no baschalls or bats are yet in cann, this work is not called "training." Maybe the National League will have to investigate the case and decide just what "training" is.





Great Southpaw Twirler Com pletes Romance by Marrying at Ridgwood, N. J.

GETTYSBURG, Pa., Feb. 23 .- On the eve of his departure for the training camp of the St. Louis Federals, at Havana, Eddie Plank, veteran pitches formerly with the Athletics, announced his marriage to Miss Anna C. Myers, New Oxford, on January 30. The first intimation of the wedding

outside the immediate families was received by his closest friends here just before he boarded the train today. training camp. The news of Plank's

twenty-six years old.

Ramiro Seiglie, the Cuban infielder "Georgetown's baseball squad will lipped off to the Griffmen, will receive have outdoor practice ever afternoon so long as the weather is favorable and firm enough," announced Doc Johnston, former Cleveland first baseman, will be with the Pittsburgh Pirates next summer, every club in the American League having waived on his services. Johnston is a cracking good fielder, but his hitting is neither timely nor hard. In new surroundings, though, he may make good and fill that yearney left by Kitty Bransfield some years ago.

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the Quaker city, was given a decision over Andy Cortez, of New York, before a fair-sized crowd at the Ardful on the diamond than the other type. Oxford and will accompany him to the ting, the fans all thought that Tommarriage came as a complete surprise even to his most immediate friends. The pair were married at Ridgwood, N. J., and returned to their homes after a brief wedding tour. The marriage is a culmination of a romance that began some vers ago.

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Zeb Milan is going to be here a day or so before the raining camp, so he writes to Manager Griffith. In his letter to the boss Milan says that he is in good health and hopes for a good year.

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Four Innings.

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Somewhere along in the tenth round it was rumored around the ringside that "Si" Howard, and not Langdon was boxing Cortez. However, this rumor did not travel fast, and when the battle ended, with the Philadelphian declared victor, most of the throng went back to the cars thinking langdon had won.

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As for the battle itself, it was great. Referee O'Connor awarded the decision to Ferguson probably largely on his

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their money's worth.

It is most unfortunate for the Ardmore Club that such a trick was playmore Club yesterday afternoon, ed upon the fans of the Capital by Though the contest was fast, spec- Langdon's manager. Recent events tacular and bristling with hard hit- have succeeded in getting the club in last "flivver" is likely to kill whatever my Langdon had been awarded the interest had remained. Unless everyvictory. Indeed, only a few were thing is above board, the boxing game cannot continue, here or anywhere else. The club members would have been entirely satisfied, had the anouncement been made from the ring that then, too, not until the battle was then, too, not until the battle was two-thirds over.

Upon hearing of the deception, Referee Patrick F. O'Connor immediately declared all bets off. It is not known just how much was wagnot how much was unable to appear, and that Ferguson had been substituted. Ferguson is by no means an obscure performer, appearing frequently in Philadelphia rings and showing in many Pennsylvania and Ohio rings. His work is known, He had never before appeared in Washington, and, as it happened, no one connected with the Ardmore Club

ered on the bout, but it was said around town last week that some coin had been placed on the boxers. To protect Cortez backers, therefore, O'Connor declared all wagers off.

Though it was Danny Ferguson and not Tommy Langdon who battled Andy Cortez, the fans saw one of the best bouts ever staged at Ardmore. Indeed, it is problematical if Langdon could have done as well against the sturdy little New Yorker as Ferguson did. During the last three rounds the crowd was on their feet and howling their heads off, as the two principals battled around the ring, clinching and slugging, and then clinching again.

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TODAY'S SPORTORIAL

Deceiving the public is always a bad business and whoever is te blame for the fiasco at Ardmore yesterday has an explanation coming. In one sense, the public should be satisfied with the stirring clash between Andy Cortez and Danny Ferguson. It was, undoubtedly, a good bout, probably better because Langdon was not in the ring. But that does not excuse the hoodwinking of the club members into believing that they were looking at Langdon when in reality, they were watching a better boy, Danny Ferguson.

It is probable that, had Ferguson proven a "lemon," the boxing game would have been all over at Ardmore. No explanation from the club would have satisfied the fans. They would have considered themselves bunked, and would have sworn off for evermore.

What should have been done, when Manager Wilson found out that Langdon was unable to appear at Ardmore, was to have so notified the club, offering to obtain a substitute to go under the arrangements made for Langdon. There would have been no complaint on the part of the club. Therefore, in the first instance, Manager Wilson is culpable.

In the second place, when the club promoters heard the rumors around the ring that Langdon was not in the ring, they should have probed it. They

should have done their best to learn the ring, they should have probed it. They should have done their best to learn the real identity of Cortex's opponent and then make all the facts known to the club members just as soon as possible. There would have been no complaint from the members then, as they had seen an excellent boxing exhibition, not a joke contest..

One thing is certain, however, never again will Manager Wilson be able to bring any boxer to Washington. It was in his power to have kept faith with the public and the Ardmore Club. He failed to do it. Therefore neither Tommy Langdon nor Danny Ferguson should be allowed to appear here in any future bout. Neither should Wilson be allowed to match any boy for a bout here. All three are done.

Perhaps you recall reading in these columns not long ago a deep conviction that Johnson and Willard would not meet on March 6, if they ever meet at all. Well, it's coming true. The champion is at Havana, expressing feat that he may be incarcerated if he enters Mexico. He asks that the bout be postponed a week. Yes, it has been postponed "for a week." What's your be that they ever meet?

In giving Joe Letters a chance a Charlottesville, Manager Griffith is working on a hunch that the youngster may come through. The boy was with Atlantic City last summer when picked up by Herman Schaeffer, and he wasn's setting the Atlantic aftre, either. He just happened to look good to the Teuton. So he grabbed the boy. Letters worked out in practice often enough for Griff to take a liking to his movements. If the boy makes good, it will at once be a tribute to Schaefer's wisdom and the knowledge possessed by the Old Fox, who scorns records and wants to watch the youngsters in action

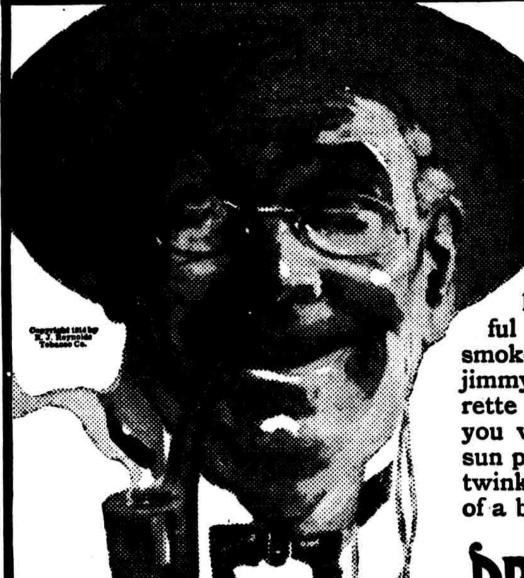
the scratch man. The race was won by O. Joneson, who had four minute start. Nick Gianankopolus, who finish ed in the forty-seventh position, wo Earle Bloomer, another Carroll Insti

tute runner, was twenty-seventh acros th line. Bloomer was the only other Washington runner to finish in th first fifty. The Carroll team was tentlin a field where eleven clubs compete for the honor.

Peck Chapel Takes One, As Does McKendree Tean

Peck Chapel seems to be making runaway race of it in the Sunda; School basketball circuit, and toda; adds another win to its string. The Christ Lutheran Church team was defeated by the fast going Peck player by a score of 28 to 20.

In the second part of the double bill McKendree handed the Eastern Prese byterian lads a defeat by a score of 19 to 15. The game was closely contest cd. Getchell's foul shooting paving the way for the win.



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